

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	: Bennett, et al.
Appl. No.	: 10/559,401
Filed	: December 2, 2005
For	: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE MODULATION OF CELL ADHESION
Examiner	: Unassigned
Group Art Unit	: 1635

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**DECLARATION OF MARY KATHERINE MERLINO**

Sir:

I, Mary Katherine Merlino, do hereby declare and state that:

1. I am a Docketing Agent with the law firm of Cozen O'Connor.
2. On or about December 14, 2007, I was informed that the assignee of U.S. Patent Application No. 10,559,401 (the subject application) had received a Notice of Abandonment indicating that the subject application was abandoned for failure to provide a response to a Notification of Missing Requirements, which was allegedly mailed on April 28, 2006.
3. Cozen O'Connor was designated as the correspondence addressee for the subject application at the time of the alleged mailing of the Notification of Missing Requirements.
4. I have searched and reviewed the docketing records for the subject application. The docketing records indicate that the Notification of Missing Requirements allegedly mailed April 28, 2006 was not received. A copy of the docketing record for the subject application, which shows correspondence received and related due dates, is attached hereto as Appendix 1. If a Notification of Missing Requirements had been received, it would have appeared in the column entitled "List of Actions" immediately after the entry "Information Disclosure Stmtnt" and would have had an initial due date of June 28, 2006.

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

January 14, 2008  
Date

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